

PUBLIC NOTICE

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Division of Water Pollution Control
7th Floor, L&C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described below has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit under *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108. In addition, federal permits may be required from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority under §404 of the *Clean Water Act* and §26a of the *Tennessee Valley Authority Act*, respectively. Section 401 of the *Clean Water Act* requires that an applicant obtain a water quality certification from the state when a federal permit is required. This notice may cover applications subject to §401.

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available for review and/or copying at the department's natural resources section.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department shall hold a public hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 07.192

APPLICANT: Mike Stiefel
Tennessee Valley Authority
1101 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801
423-751-6844

LOCATION: Bull Run Fossil Plant
Anderson County (lat36.0236/long84.1521)

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Clinton, TN

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The proposed impacts would affect Worthington Branch and an unnamed tributary. The unnamed tributary is approximately 3 – 4 feet wide flowing over a silt/clay substrate with a riparian zone consisting of grasses and low shrubs. The stream lies between the existing Dry Fly Ash disposal area and the steam plant and appears to have been previously straightened and modified. The land use in the area is industrial. The tributary enters Worthington Branch south of the reservation before flowing west to the Clinch River.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would involve the installation of 1070 feet of 6 ft. X 5 ft. concrete box culvert in the unnamed tributary to Worthington Branch and 7- ft. of 10 ft. X 10 ft. box

culvert in Worthington Branch to facilitate the expansion of the Dry Fly Ash Disposal Area. The applicant proposes to mitigate the impacts to the unnamed tributary through payment of \$214,000.00 (1070ft. X \$200per foot) to the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

More details on the proposal can be viewed on the Internet at

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: [Brian Canada](#)

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